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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Official Action mailed August 30, 2007, which imposed a Restriction Requirement in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant makes the following election and requests that examination of the elected claims on their merits be promptly conducted in light of the following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Office alleges that the present application contains claims drawn to two independent and patentably distinct inventions. The claims are grouped as follows:

- Claim Group 1: Claims 1-18, 45 and 46;
- Claim Group 2: Claims 19-28;
- Claim Group 3: Claims 29-32;
- Claim Group 4: Claims 33-39; and
- Claim Group 5: Claims 40-44 and 47-49.

In response, Applicant elects Claim Group 1, claims 1-18, 45 and 46 for immediate examination. All other original claims are labeled as "withdrawn" herein.

Applicant does not disclaim the subject matter of any withdrawn claim and reserves the right to file any number of continuation or divisional applications to the withdrawn claims or to any other subject matter described in the present application.


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An examination of claims 1-18, 45 and 46 on their merits is now respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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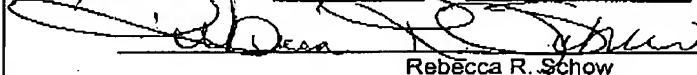

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